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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY

FOR THE

ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT

OF

CHARITY SCHOOLS:

WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORTS OF THE TEACHERS, AND A LIST OF OFFICERS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

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OFFICERS FOR 1855.

President—WILLIAM FRY.
Vice President—EDWIN WALTER.
Secretary—JAMES J. BARCLAY.
Treasurer—JOHN B. ELLISON.

MANAGERS.

John B. Ellison,
Edwin Walter,
James J. Barclay,
Henry Perkins,
Henry Cramond,
William Wayne,
John Horton,
M. W. Baldwin,
Charles M. Morris,
William Shippen,
Joseph C. Turnpenny,
Henry R. Davis,
Pemberton Smith,
Edward Parrish,
Casper W. Sharples,
Paul T. Jones,
Maurice A. Wurts,
T. I. Husbands.

The Board of Managers organized on the 9th day of January, 1855, and elected JAMES J. BARCLAY, Chairman, and HENRY CRAMOND, Secretary. And the following Committees were appointed:

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Boys' School.	*Girls' School.*	*Secondary School.*
H. Cramond,	J. J. Barclay,	J. B. Ellison,
H. Perkins,	W. Wayne,	E. Walter,
E. Parrish,	J. Horton,	J. C. Turnpenny,
H. R. Davis,	M. W. Baldwin,	P. Smith,
P. T. Jones,	C. M. Morris,	C. W. Sharples,
T. I. Husbands.	W. Shippen.	M. A. Wurts.

COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

J. Horton, W. Wayne.

COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY.

W. Wayne, J. Horton, C. M. Morris,
P. Smith, M. A. Wurts.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

J. C. Turnpenny, C. M. Morris, H. Cramond.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

W. Shippen, C. M. Morris, P. Smith,
H. Perkins, P. T. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION.

J. J. Barclay, H. Cramond, J. C. Turnpenny.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

W. Shippen, J. C. Turnpenny.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of Charity Schools.

It affords the Board of Managers much gratification to be able to state to the Society, the Schools under their care continue in a satisfactory condition.

During the year which is about to close, 178 pupils have been admitted, and 179 have left the Schools, to wit :—

Admissions.

Boys' Secondary School.	Boys' Grammar School.	Girls' School.
57	43	78

Dismissions.

Boys' Secondary School.	Boys' Grammar School.	Girls' School.
57	43	79

Remaining on the Rolls.

Boys' Secondary School.	Boys' Grammar School.	Girls' School.
50	53	120

Of the number of boys who left the Secondary School, 14 were promoted to the Grammar School; and of those who left the Boys' Grammar School, 8 entered the Central High School.

The conduct of the pupils is praiseworthy, and their improvement commendable, and the Teachers are assiduous in the performance of their duties. Miss Sarah C. Wilson, who faithfully superintended the Secondary School, having resigned her situation, that School has been placed under the charge of Miss Elizabeth Jones.

The Beck School-house is still rented to the Controllers of the Public Schools. The property in Kensington has been leased to Mr. Frederick Genthor.

During the last Session, the Legislature relieved the property of the Society from taxation, a measure showing the interest the Commonwealth takes in all matters connected with education, and calculated materially to aid the Society, the whole of whose limited income is exclusively devoted to the cause of gratuitous education, and without the assistance thus afforded, the Board would have found much difficulty in paying the small salaries of their teachers. The present occasion may not be inopportune to invite the attention of their fellow-citizens generally to this interesting charity, which was one of the earliest pioneers in the cause of public instruction, for upwards of half a century, and has kept the noiseless tenor of its way with a steady zeal, and afforded the means during that period of education to more than eighteen thousand of young persons, of an education calculated to prepare them for the active duties of life, and to become useful members of Society.

The Treasurer's account will exhibit a view of the fiscal concerns of the Society. The expenditures have been guarded with scrupulous economy.

The Sewing Department of the Girls' School is considered essential to the proper education of a female, and all proper attention is bestowed upon it. May the pupils of these Schools be ever mindful of their Creator in the days of their youth, and through all the chances and changes of this mortal life, and prepared for their final account; and may those charged with the management of these Schools, be guided and governed by that wisdom which is from on High!

JAMES J. BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

Attest—H. CRAMOND, *Secretary.*

December 22, 1854.

INVESTMENTS.

The Investments of the Society stand as follows:

Principal.		*Income.*
$2,000 00	Bond and Mortgage, . .	$120 00
1,500 00	" " . . .	90 00
800 00	" " . . .	48 00
2,000 00	" " . . .	120 00
1,000 00	" " . . .	60 00
1,760 00	" " . . .	105 60
1,200 00	" " . . .	72 00
1,500 00	" " . . .	90 00
2,500 00	" " . . .	150 00
2,500 00	" " . . .	150 00
1,000 00	Ground Rent, . . .	60 00
1,725 00	" " . . .	103 50
601 00	" " John Evans' Legacy, .	36 00
1,100 00	County Loan, . . .	66 00
1,000 00	Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company,	60 00
10,460 14	School House on Walnut street, .	
2,155 02	Offices . . .	400 00
6,764 82	House on North Fifth street, .	450 00
2,213 82	Kensington Property, . .	120 00
2,050 00	Carroll street " . say	100 00
40 00	One Share Philadelphia Library Co.,	1 00
6,000 00	Moyamensing School-house, .	500 00
40	Shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Stock, . . say	80 00
		$2,982 10

JOHN B. ELLISON, *Treasurer.*

1 *Mo.* 1, 1855.

DR. *The Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of*

1854.

1 Mo.	3.	To Cash paid City and Poor Tax on Fifth St. House,	39	00
" "	"	" " ground rent, Carroll St., due 1st,	28	00
" "	"	" " Committee on Library, per order,	35	00
" "	"	" " " " Property, " "	16	64
" "	"	" " " " Supplies, " "	65	38
" "	"	" " Col. for Com. on $20 Life Member,	1	00
2 "	6	" " for Taxes, Thirteenth and Carroll St.,	44	65
" "	"	" " Philadelphia Library Company,	4	00
4 "	3	" " Teachers, per orders,	431	25
" "	"	" " J. Horton for Committe on Supplies,	69	87
" "	"	" " " " Bills, per order,	7	46
7 "	3	" " ground rents, due 1st,	28	00
" "	"	" " for plastering house on Carroll St.,	1	50
" "	"	" " Teachers, per orders,	462	50
" "	"	" " Expense for releasing Society from taxes,	50	00
" "	"	" " ground rent for one year, Carroll St.,	28	00
10 "	1	" " for cleaning rooms of School House,	17	00
" "	"	" " Teachers, per orders,	425	00
" "	"	" " Repairs of house, Carroll St.,	1	50
" "	"	" " Two months salary per order,	41	66
" "	"	" " Morris Tasker & Morris for Furnace,	239	12
" "	"	" " Water rent Moyamensing school house,	5	00
12 "	1	" " J. Horton, Committee on Supplies,	61	08
" "	"	" " Wm. Wayne for bills per orders,	30	99
" "	"	" " Stephen Kirk for coal, "	114	75
" "	"	" " Teachers, per orders due 12 mo. 31,	462	50
		Balance,	1114	55
			$3825	40

Examined and found correct,

ALEXANDER FULLERTON, }
EDWIN WALTER, } Committee.

1 *Mo. 4th*, 1855.

Charity Schools, in account with John B. Ellison, Treasurer. CR.

1854.			
1 Mo. 2.	By balance per report,		545 72
	" cash for rent of offices, due 12 mo. 15,		100 00
	" " Moyamensing school house, due 10 mo. 1,		250 00
	" 6 mos. interest on County Loan, due 1 mo. 1,		31 35
	" 3 " Lehigh " "		15 00
	" 6 " $2000 12 mo. 16,		60 00
	" collector for a Life Membership,		20 00
	" 6 mos. interest on $1500, due 10 mo. 24,		45 00
	" 6 " 1200, 2 mo. 7,		36 00
	" 3 mos. rent Fifth St. house, 2 mo. 6,		112 50
	" 6 mos. interest on $1500, due 1 mo. 19,		45 00
	" 6 " 800, 2 mo. 23,		24 00
	" 3 mos. rent of offices, due 3 mo. 15,		100 00
	" 6 mos. interest from Pittsburg on $2000, due 9 mo. 30, '53,		60 00
	" 6 mos. interest from Pittsburg on $2000, due 3 mo. 30, '54.		60 00
	" 6 mos. rent Moyamensing school house, 4 mo. 1,		250 00
	" 6 mos. interest on $2500, due 3 mo. 25,		75 00
	" 6 " 2500, 4 mo. 2,		75 00
	" 6 " 1000, 5 mo. 5,		30 00
	" 6 mos. ground rent, 862 50, 5 mo. 1,		25 88
	" 6 mos. rent of Kensinsington property, 1 mo. 1,		60 00
	" 3 " Fifth St. house, due 5 mo. 6,		112 50
	" 6 mos. ground rent, $1000, due 6 mo. 1,		30 00
	" 6 mos. interest on $2000, due 6 mo. 16,		60 00
	" 3 mos. rent of offices, due 6 mo. 15,		100 00
	" 6 mos. ground rent, $862 50, due 5 mo. 1,		25 88
	" 6 mos. interest on $1500, due 4 mo. 24,		45 00
	" 6 " 800, 8 mo. 23,		24 00
	" 3 mos. rent of Fifth St. house, due 8 mo. 6,		112 50
	" 2 mos. 20 days on $2500, being closed,		33 33
	" 3 mos. rent of offices, due 9 mo. 15,		100 00
	" 6 mos. interest, Pittsburg, on $2000, due 9 mo. 30,		60 00
	" 6 mos. rent Moyamensing school house, 10 mo. 1,		250 00
	" 12 mos. interest on $1760, due 8 mo. 21,		105 60
	" 12 mos. ground rent, J. Evans' legacy, due 10 mo. 1,		36 00
	" 6 mos. interest on $1500, due 7 mo. 19,		45 00
	" 6 " 2500, 10 mo. 2,		75 00
	" 3 mos. rent of Fifth st. house, due 11 mo. 6,		112 50
	" from members per collectors,		91 80
	" for 3 mos. rent of office, due 12 mo. 15,		50 00
	" 3 " " "		50 00
	" rent of Carroll street property,		285 00
			$3825 40

Errors excepted. JOHN B. ELLISON, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 1 *Mo.* 1, 1855.

EXTRACT

FROM THE

REPORT OF WILLIAM STIRLING, TEACHER OF THE BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 29th, 1854.

To the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of Charity Schools.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the usual custom, I invite your attention to the annual report of the Boys' Grammar School under your charge.

At the beginning of the year, there were upon the roll the names of 54 pupils. We have since admitted 42 new scholars, of whom 14 were promoted, on examination, from the Secondary School.

In the course of the year 43 pupils have been discharged. Of this number, 8 were admitted to the High School—6 at the examination in February, and 2 in that of July; none of our candidates for admission having been rejected. A majority of the others, who have withdrawn from the School, have since entered into business pursuits.

The whole number now belonging to the School is 53. Many of this number are looking forward to admission to the High School eventually, and this prospect seems calculated to incite them to greater diligence, and increased effort for their own improvement.

Our register number is 8066. It would be very gratifying to the founders of our institution, to behold the results of their beneficence, in providing the means for educating so large a number as this exhibits.

The average daily attendance throughout the year has been 48.

SECONDARY SCHOOL.

To the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of Charity Schools.

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully presents the following as the report of the Secondary School, for the year 1854. Number of pupils registered 519; number registered December, 1853, 462; 57 have been admitted; 14 promoted to the Grammar School; and 43 discharged; number on the roll 50; average attendance 44.

Sustained by your co-operation, and encouraged and instructed by your friendly counsel, we are glad to be able to report the School under our care, as enjoying a high degree of prosperity. The pupils very generally manifest a commendable interest in their studies; the order is equal to our most sanguine expectations; and the deportment of the pupils in their intercourse with each other, and with their teacher, has been, with a few exceptions, in all respects exemplary.

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH JONES.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22nd, 1854.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Gentlemen:—The benefit resulting from our labors through the past year has been more evident to us than usual, which incites (if possible) to greater exertion for the improvement of the pupils. The aid that we have received from some of our Directors, has acted as a stimulus to the scholars, and greatly encouraged the teachers. 78 girls have been admitted and 79 have left, two of whom passed the examination and were admitted to the Normal School. We have now on roll our complement of 130, and a number are waiting for admission. The large number of applicants that are always

present on admission days, satisfies us that our School continues at least in good repute. Our register number is 9720.

Very respectfully,

E. S. ALDRICH.

December 22nd, 1854.

SEWING DEPARTMENT.

Gentlemen:—In the Sewing Department a great number of useful and fancy articles have been completed during the past year. The School continues to be attractive, and the pupils manifest much interest in the branches taught in it.

Respectfully,

S. WRIGHT.

December 22nd, 1854.